

MRBI
Mississippi River Basin Initiative

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

West Nishnabotna River

Farmers in three sub-watersheds in Mills and Fremont Counties within the West Nishnabotna River Watershed have the opportunity to receive **higher payment rates** on conservation practices and systems that avoid, control and trap nutrient runoff; improve wildlife habitat; and maintain agricultural productivity.

It's part of the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI). The goal of MRBI is to reduce nutrient loading in the Mississippi River Basin, which contributes to both local water quality problems and the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

The three local sub-watersheds selected for MRBI all have similar soils, slopes, and resource concerns which significantly impact the water quality of the West Nishnabotna River.

The primary resource issue in this area is degrading water quality due to excess nutrients in surface and groundwaters, and from excessive sediment in surface waters.

This MRBI project will directly align with the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, along with regional and local priorities to reduce nutrient losses.

MRBI will be offered now through fiscal year 2018. To enroll, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the Environmental Quality Incentives

Program (EQIP). Eligible practices and payment rates are listed on the back page.

For more information about this project and MRBI, contact the NRCS offices in Malvern or Sidney:

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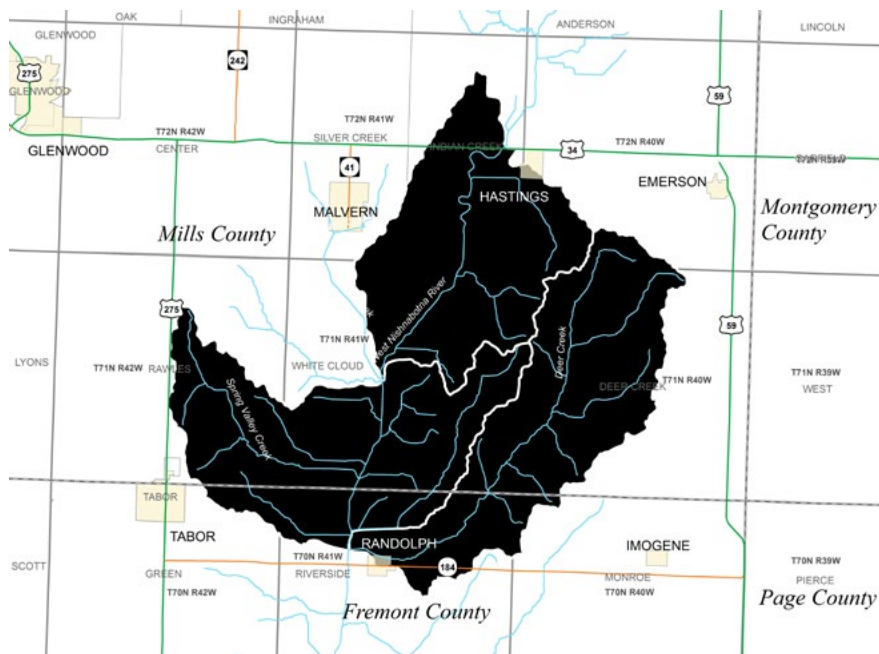
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More information is available on Iowa's MRBI web-page at <http://1.usa.gov/1mjYhF6>.

Farmers in the following West Nishnabotna River sub-watersheds may be eligible for MRBI funding:

- White Cloud - West Nishnabotna River
- Deer Creek
- Spring Valley Creek - West Nishnabotna River

Stop by the Malvern or Sidney office if you farm in this area!





Project Partners:
 Heartland Co-op
 Fremont Soil and Water Conservation District
 Mills Soil and Water Conservation District
 Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
 Malvern SWP Team
 City of Malvern

MRBI Core Conservation Practice and Payment List

Partial Practice List (Visit the NRCS office in Malvern or Sidney, or the Iowa NRCS website at ia.nrcs.usda.gov , for a complete practice list.)	Payment Rate (Additional technical and financial assistance may be available from the MRBI project partners.)
Cover Crop	\$45.23 - \$156.76/acre
Critical Area Planting	\$22.32 - \$771.23/acre
Nutrient Management	\$13.35 - \$63.38/acre
Nutrient Management Plan	\$1,740.99 - \$3,481.99/each
Terrace	\$1.60 - \$1.92/foot
Water and Sediment Control Basin	\$2.16 - \$3.51/cubic yard
Underground Outlet	\$1.48 - \$8.63/foot

